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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to enclose your High Holy Day packet of information. Rosh Hashanah will begin at sundown on Sunday, September 10th, and the High Holy Days will conclude with Simchat Torah on Tuesday, October 2nd. A complete schedule of services and special events is enclosed. Thanks to Steve Frankovitz and the Religious Affairs Committee for their work to get CST ready for the High Holy Days. This year, we will have the privilege of having Chazzan Giora Sharon as well as Cantor Arnie Lewin chant the prayers on behalf of the Congregation. Our Selichot program service ushers in the High Holy Day season on Saturday night, September 1st. A reception begins at 9:30 pm. Selichot services follow at 11:00 pm.

I would ask you to complete and return (with payment as necessary) the High Holy Day Reservation form. For members in good standing, seats are provided for each member of the household at no additional charge. Please make sure that your 2018/2019 Membership Payment Form has been completed and returned to our office. For non-members, your payment may be credited toward a membership at Congregation Shaarey Tefilla. For membership information, contact our office for further information. I ask that you complete and return the reservation forms to the synagogue office by **Friday, August 31, 2018**.

Children's services will be held in our chapel for children 8 years of age and older. The program will be both educational and child centric. For those 7 and younger, we ask you to utilize our babysitting service. A childcare reservation form has been provided.

If you have listed loved ones in our Yizkor book in years past, a copy of your specific yahrzeits are included in this packet. If you have additions to make, please use the enclosed form or email them to the office so we can add them to the Yizkor book. Please do this by **Friday, August 31st**.

On Kol Nidre night, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. We will also have donation boxes available for monetary gifts to Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger. Please consider donating the amount of money you would have spent on food had you not been fasting for Yom Kippur.

As you are aware, our appeal on Kol Nidre is critical to our financial health and donations from this appeal aggregate 20% of our annual budget. Once again, an anonymous donor has agreed to match all increases in pledges from prior years up to \$25,000. Please consider a 10% increase from your last donation when cards are collected on the evening of Kol Nidre.

Finally, if you have any questions regarding the High Holy Day Services or would like to volunteer in any way, please contact our office at office@shaareytefilla.com or phone 317-733-2169.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy High Holy Day season. L'shanah tovah tikatievu!

Corey Freedman, President

